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DIXON, M

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to Amat C, filed 3/30/99
- ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- ☒ The allowed claims are 9-17 (rem 1-9)
- ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [] been received. [] not been received. [] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____ filed on _____
- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- ☒ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
- ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- ☒ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- ☐ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

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 - ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☐ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

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Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- ☒ Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	TOTAL CLAIMS	EXAMINER AND GROUP ART UNIT	DATE MAILED
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TITLE OF INVENTION DRUM ASSEMBLY FOR AN INTERNAL DRUM IMAGING DEVICE
(AS AMENDED)

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
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This application has been examined.

Claims 9-17, renumbered 1-9 are allowed.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed invention is deemed unobvious over the cited art of record because such art does not teach or reasonably suggest the overall aspects of a drum assembly for an internal drum-type imaging apparatus, the drum assembly defining a concave imaging surface which is more than semi-cylindrical, the assembly made in accordance with a method comprising the steps of: releasably wrapping a drum skin partially around a generally cylindrical mandrel having an axis, the drum skin having a front face facing toward said mandrel and defining an image surface and also having a rear facing away from said mandrel in combination with fixedly attaching a drum to said rear face of the drum skin while the drum skin is wrapped around the mandrel, the drum and drum skin each extending for more than 180 deg and less than 360 deg about the mandrel axis so as to define an interface of greater than 180 and less than 360 deg extent about the mandrel axis and which drum and drum skin cooperate to define a vacuum chamber; generating a fluid bearing between said front face of the drum skin and the mandrel to separate the drum skin from the mandrel; and moving the drum and attached drum skin relative to the mandrel and in a direction parallel to the mandrel axis to

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remove the drum and attached drum skin from the mandrel while maintaining the fluid bearing between the drum skin and the mandrel, whereby the drum and attached drum skin after removal from said mandrel provide said drum assembly with said front face of said drum skin defining said concave than semi-cylindrical.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

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Any questions concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Merrick Dixon at 703-308-0013.

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